

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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**Date: August 21, 2006**  
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## **Trooper Involved in Injury Collision**

On Monday, August 21, 2006, at approximately 8:40 a.m., a Washington State Patrol Trooper was traveling on the on-ramp from 236<sup>th</sup> Street to southbound Interstate 5 in the HOV lane. Two vehicles were stopped in the single occupant lane at the light meter at the bottom of the ramp from 236<sup>th</sup> Street to southbound Interstate 5. It appears the trooper's patrol car struck the rear of a white Mazda Miata. The Mazda was pushed into a silver Ford Ranger pickup that was stopped at the light meter.

The trooper and driver of the Mazda were transported to Harborview Medical Center. The driver of the Ford was not transported.

The trooper has been employed for six years, and is currently assigned to King County.

The collision remains under investigation by the Washington State Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT).

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